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HPH Community Advisory Board 1995/96 Annual Report



Dianne Smithson, Chair CAB, HPH

The past year has been an exciting one for the Community Advisory Board (CAB) at Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital (HPH). It has been a year where our role as advisors to the Minister of Health has been to maintain mental health services to the areas served by our hospital. We have seen the arrival of both a new Administrator, Mrs. Mary Sutherland, and a new Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Dr. Russell Joffe. The continued co-operation of hospital staff has been appreciated by all Board members.

During recent months, the Community Advisory Board has been attempting to develop partnerships with other groups throughout the Region served by HPH in order to maintain quality mental health services. This is a time of rapid change. Our concern has been and will continue to be the maintenance of mental health services to those who require services throughout the catchment area—Brant, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth and Niagara.

The Community Advisory Board will continue to provide advice to the Minister of Health and to the Hospital's administration about the way in which shrinking resources can be used to meet the needs of those suffering from serious mental illness in this Region.

We are pleased to welcome a representative from the newly-formed Patient Council to our Board. Over the coming year this valuable addition to our membership will help as we continue to monitor the impact of the ongoing changes in the delivery of health services in Ontario.

It has been an honour to serve as the Chair of the Community Advisory Board for the past year. I am looking forward to this next year of challenge and change.

Dianne Smithson, Chair
Community Advisory Board
Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Role of Community Advisory Board

In these days of shrinking health care dollars and the initiatives of Mental Health Reform, we need to build strong linkages and work together. As your appointed representatives, CAB members recognize the need to improve linkages with other service providers, family members, consumers and the public-at-large.

The purpose of the CAB is to promote community awareness and understanding of mental health issues; identify and respond to the mental health care needs of the communities served by the hospital, and assist the administration in providing the highest possible standard of care.

This is carried out by:

- Establishing and maintaining a close working relationship with all agencies providing services for the seriously mentally ill;
- Cooperating and consulting with district health councils and other planning groups;
- Consolidating information on local mental health needs and concerns and identifying those which the hospital should address;
- Fostering the development of community relations in the areas served by the hospital;
- Reviewing and monitoring the hospital's programs in order to determine whether the hospital is meeting the needs of its catchment area; and,
- Advising the Minister of Health on important issues which may affect the hospital in fulfilling its mandate to provide high quality mental health services to the districts served.

Please accept our offer to contact Board members from your area. CAB meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month—September to June and they have always been open to the public. If you are interested in attending, or would like to contact your CAB representative, please call Desa Gushue, Administrative Assistant at (905) 388-2511, ext. 4839.

We all share the common goal of the highest quality of care for those suffering with serious mental illness. Let's unite to ensure this high quality service is available.

Ron Wheeler, Second Vice Chair & CAB representative to Annual Report

HPH Statistics 1995/96

	<u>Nov. 30/93</u>	<u>Nov. 30/94</u>	<u>Nov. 30/95</u>
Beds set up	240	225	211
Number of patients in hospital	195	153	160
Number of Leave-of-Absence patients	67	50	37
Occupancy rate	81.25%	68%	75.83%
Number of registered outpatients	500	537	772

	<u>1993/94</u>	<u>1994/95</u>	<u>1995/96</u>
Number of admissions	709	611	553
Number of discharges	750	654	584
Average length of stay (days)	227	202	173
Number of registered outpatient contacts	40,689	44,380	53,562

Definitions

Beds set up—the number of beds the facility can put to use at any given time

Length of stay—in-hospital stay calculated upon discharge

Occupied beds—are physically occupied by patients at midnight

Active inpatients—a person who is under observation, care, treatment and is admitted to a hospital beds as a patient

Inpatient days—total number of active inpatients per unit counted each day for a specified period of time

HPH Community Advisory Board Members represent you!

❶ Niagara

- ❖ Helene Hamilton, resource centre director, Mainstream, St. Catharines; (1 year)
- ❖ Dan Oettinger, administrator, Linhaven Home for the Aged, St. Catharines; (3 years)
- ❖ Selina Volpatti, real estate agent, Niagara Falls; family member; (3 years)

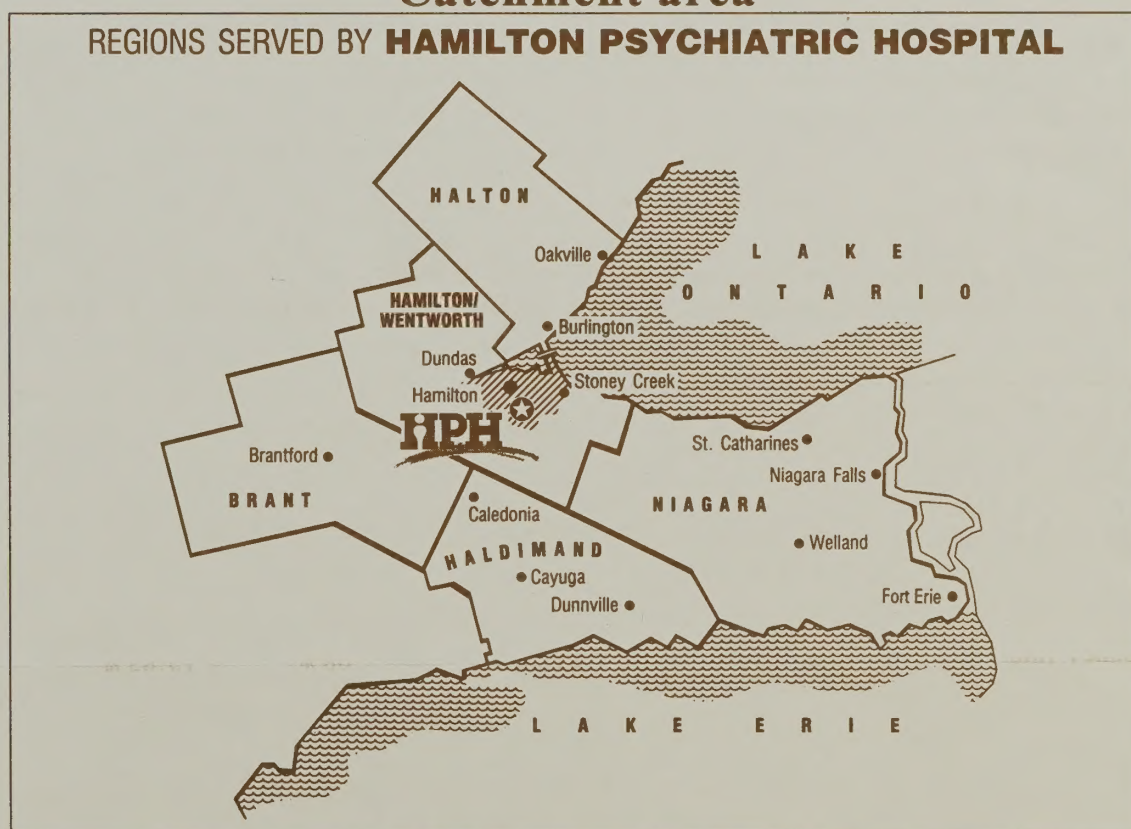
❷ Haldimand

- ❖ Bernie Beilschmidt, executive director, True Experience; (4 years)
- ❖ Chris Szymezko, planner, Haldimand-Norfolk District Health Council; (2 years)

❸ Brant

- ❖ Pamela Skye, project researcher, Six Nations; (1 year)
- ❖ Glenn Watson, retired director of education, Brantford; (4 years)

Catchment area



❹ Hamilton-Wentworth

- ❖ Richard Grigg, retired researcher, Stelco, Hamilton; family member; (4 years)
- ❖ Richard Higgins, correctional officer, Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre; (3 years)
- ❖ Dianne Smithson, health sciences program manager, Mohawk College; (4 years and current Chair)
- ❖ Ron Wheeler, police officer, Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police; (2 years)

❺ Halton

- ❖ Dierk Lange, retired industry training manager, Burlington; family member; (3 years)
- ❖ Linda Maxwell, social worker, Oakville; (1 year)
- ❖ William Whiskin, retired industry supervisor, Burlington; family member; (4 months)



MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION is to work together with adults with severe psychiatric disorders, their families and their communities to achieve successful treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration.

WE BELIEVE:

- Each patient is a unique person.
- Each person has spiritual, cultural, mental, physical, social and economic needs which must be considered to achieve the potential for wellness.
- Our staff is our most vital resource, and they deserve a professionally-satisfying work environment which fosters learning.
- Care is an essential element of service to patients.
- Understanding of the disorders we treat and acceptance of the people affected by them will be achieved through education and advocacy.
- Collaborative planning with all hospital and community partners will ensure a comprehensive range of services offered as close to home as possible.
- Active research in diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation, within HPH and in partnership with others, will ensure better care for the people we serve now and in the future.
- A high level of quality should be assured in all endeavours undertaken.

WE SERVE:

HPH serves the five neighbouring Ontario regions of Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth and Niagara. Our patients are adults with severe psychiatric disorders who require specialized programs for:

- Schizophrenia
- Affective disorders
- Dementia with a major behavioural disorder
- Developmental disability with a psychiatric or major behavioural disorder
- Acquired brain injury with a psychiatric or major behavioural disorder.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the CAB or HPH and its activities, please contact HPH's Public Relations Office at (905) 575-6022.